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1. The WELZOW (W 52/A 44) airfield was not occupied by the Soviet Air Force although the landing field was serviceable. According to several local residents, the field had been occupied by a unit equipped with single-engine aircraft from the Spring to late September 1949. Numerous pilot students were allegedly assigned to the unit.
2. The railroad spur track at the field was intact. Wooden cantonment buildings were in the woods bordering the field. All settlement buildings assigned to the field were intact. The WELZOW community was responsible for guarding and maintaining the airfield.

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3. The field was not occupied but guarded by two Germans. There were no solid buildings or lighting facilities, only some cantonment buildings. According to the guards, the last unit left in early October 1949.
4. The wrecks of two aircraft of the following type were at a corner of the field: Far projecting engine, no propeller, wings relatively short, fuselage made of plywood as far as the cockpit, rather high rudder assembly, wide elevator assembly, landing gear not retractable, struts far apart. A round plate, five inches in diameter, fixed to the left outer wall, in line with the cockpit, had the following Russian inscription: "Method of pumping up landing gear: Turn trap connecting both systems when filling with air exceeding 50 atmospheric absolute pressure. Close lever tightly after filling."

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